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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BAKR'S HEALTH

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR, NAZIF CUHRUK, WHO IS NOW MAKING HIS FAREWELL ROUNDS IN BAGHDAD, HAS BEEN ASKED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL OCTOBER 3 TO GIVE MINISTRY TIME TO SCHEDULE A FAREWELL CALL FOR AMBASSADOR ON PRESIDENT BAKR. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DID NOT GUARANTEE AN APPOINTMENT BUT ASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT THEY WOULD DO THEIR BEST FOR HIM IF HE WOULD REMAIN IN BAGHDAD UNTIL OCTOBER 3. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY AMBASSADORS DURING MONTH OF RAMADAN WHICH ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 26. IF TURKISH AMBASSADOR RECEIVES APPOINT-
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MENT, IT WILL BE FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN PRESIDENT BAKR

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AND A MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS SINCE HIS STROKE ON AUGUST 27.

2. BAKR HAS ALSO DISAPPEARED FROM NEWSPAPER COVERAGE DURING PAST MONTH, BUT ATH-THAWRA ON SEPTEMBER 26 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE PICTURE OF BAKR RECEIVING SENIOR BAATH PARTY OFFICIALS ON THE OCCASION OF AID-AL FITR. CONSENSUS WITHIN THE CORPS IS THAT BAKR'S STROKE WAS RELATIVELY MINOR BUT THAT BAKR IS NOW IN GENERALLY POOR HEALTH AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE MUCH LONGER.
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